

Education Engagement and Consultation Project

Information for youth participants (ages 10 to 12)

It is ok to say no

The Queensland Family and Child Commission (QFCC) regularly talks to kids and then passes that information on to people running the government.

What are we doing?

The QFCC wants to talk to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander kids about their experiences in school or other education. We want to hear about your experiences because you are the experts.

What you share with us can help to improve education and training matters for you and other Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and young people.

Who will be talking to me?

The QFCC will partner with a service that you are connected with. Together, we will facilitate group or one on one interviews that last no more than one hour.

What will I have to do?

You will be asked questions about your experiences in school or other education.

We can talk with just you or with a group of other children and young people, or even with your parent/ caregiver or guardian. You can choose.

We will not tell anyone else your personal information like your name or which school you go to.

What happens after?

We will share what you have told us with people in government who make decisions about education and training matters.

What if I get upset or worried?

You may feel upset during the interview as we talk about some of your experiences. You can ask for a break at any time or can stop talking to us and leave at any time.

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We will also provide you with some helpful contact information at the end of this information sheet if you need more help later.

What do I need to do now?

If you would like to tell us about your experience, you will need to talk to your parent/ caregiver or guardian first. They will need to sign a consent form and you can give this to us on the day.

Helpful contact information

If you feel anxious or upset afterwards, please talk to your parent/ caregiver or guardian or another adult support person who cares about you. We have also provided some helpful contact information below:

Support services	
13 Yarn 13 92 76 https://www.13yarn.org.au/	13YARN is a crisis support line for mob feeling overwhelmed or having difficulty coping. They offer confidential yarning with a Lifeline-trained Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Crisis Supporters, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
Beyond Blue 1300 224 636 https://www.beyondblue.org.au/	Beyond Blue provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live. Support is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by phone, online chat, email and community forums.
Lifeline 13 11 14 https://www.lifeline.org.au/	Lifeline provides all Australians experiencing emotional distress with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.
Headspace 1800 650 890 https://headspace.org.au/	Headspace supports young people with mental health, physical health (including sexual health), alcohol and other drug services, as well as work and study support.